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THE IMPEACHMENT by the HOUSE of COMMONS

Against
The Lord Major of the City of *London*

AND
Divers other Aldermen, Common-
Councill men, Citizens, Ministers, Ap-
prentices, and others.

*And an Order for chusing a new Lord Major, And
the manner of the Tryall.*

ALSO
The Sentence denounced against *John
Poyntz, alias Morris, Isabel Smith, Leonard
Derby, and John Harris.*

England Parliament House of Commons

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Die veneris Septem. 24. 1647.

Resolved upon the Question,

THat there appeare sufficient matter to accuse Sir Jo. Geyer, Knight, Mayor of the City of London, of high Treason, and further Voted, that he be committed prisoner to the Tower of London, upon accusation of high Treason, for countenancing and abetting the force and tumult brought downe and used against the House of Commons, the 26 of July last, and thus to be in order to his triall; the House upon debate also further Voted, the like charge of high Treason against Thomas Cullum Alderman, and one of the Sheriffes of London, James Bunce, Alderman John Langham Alderman, and Thomas Adams Alderman, Citizens of London, for countenancing and abetting the said force against the Houses, and that they be committed to the Tower of London. And the Committees appointed to examine the said force and tumult, were appointed to prepare and bring impeachments against the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen as aforesaid, against monday morning next.

Die Sabbathi, Septem. 25. 1647,

Resolved upon the Question,

First, That Col. Laurence Bromfield, Col. Edward Hooker, Cap. Jones, be impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors, and committed to the Serjeants custody, attending the house of Commons, and that a charge of Impeachment be drawn up against them accordingly.

Secondly, That Captain Musgrave, Thomas Carill, Bartholomew West, Rich. Rumney, Ralph Hooker, Joh. Melton Minister, James Studley, Richard Eoriss, Mr. Will. Drake. — Brook, Apprentice to Mr. Baker of Hellens, John Harley, Daniel Hill, Edmund Peisley, Citizens of London, be indicted of high treason at the Kings bench barres, and committed to the Serjeants custody untill their triall this next Terme, at the Court of Kings bench aforesaid.

Die Luna Septemb. 27. 1647.

The Commons sent a Message to the Lords with an Impeachment against Sir John Geyer, Lord Mayor of the City of London, of high Treason in the name of all the Commons of England, for levying War against the King, Parliament, and Kingdome, and to desire their Lordships to appoint a day, and they would make good the Charge of High Treason against him. And that the City be sent to, to chuse a Lord Mayor to execute the place during his time.

The Sentence denounced against John Morris, Isabel Smith, Leonard Derby, & John Harris.

Whereas John Browne Esquire Clerke of the Parliament did the 25. of June 1647 exhibit a charge before the Lords in Parliament, against John Morris alias Poyntz, Mary his wife, Isabel Smyth, Leonard Derby, and John Harris for forging, framing and publishing a Copy of a pretended Act of Parliament alledged to have beene made Anno 43. Elizabeth. And intituled, *An Act to enable and make good a conveyance and assurance made of the mannor*

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Mansions of Hoping Cragg, Northokenden, Southokenden, and other Lands in the County of Essex, and Bewick Marks alias Bures Marks in London by James Morris Esq. and Gabriel Poyntz Esq. to John Brown alias Morris and his Heires, and to establish the said Mannors upon the said John Poyntz Alias Morris and his Heires, according to the said conveyance, whereas in truth there neither is, nor ever was any such Act of Parliament, And for forging and counterfeiting his hand writing, and subscribing the said Copy.

John Browne Cler. Par.

And the parties to colour above late practises have charged the said John Browne with the loss of the said Record, and denying of his owne hand. And whereas Sir Adam Littleton Barro. who had good title to part of the said Mannors & Lands as in the right of Dame Audery his wife, whose inheritance thereunto was sought to be impeached by the copy, of the said pretended Act of Parliament, complained likewise against the said persons before their Lordships for the said forgery and publication in that the said John Morris, Edward Derby John Harris, and Isabel Smyth did procure the said copy at Chesterton at Lent Assizes 1646. for the County of Essex, at a tryall in an Ejectione forme, brought by Thomas Smyth Husband to the said Isabel, and Lessee of the said John Morris against Josias Clarke Tennant to the said Sir Adam Littleton of part of the said Lands contained in the said pretended Act, And did pleade and affirme the same to bee a true copy of an Act of Parliament; And the said Derby and Harris did falsely and perjuriously swear in open Court, at the said tryall, that they had examined the said copy by them, produced with

with the Record of the said pretended Act in the Office of the Clerke of the Parliament, and that hee did acknowledge the said writing to be his own hand, whereas in truth the said subscription, to the said pretended Act of Parliament is counterfeit and none of the said Clerke of the Parliaments hand. And the said Sir Adam further complained of an exemplification under the great Seal of *England* for countenancing the said forged Coppy of the said pretended Act, by some undue means by the said parties thereunto affixed, of the parties shewing whereof, proove was made before their Lordships.

All which being crimes of a very high and transcendent nature, and do concerne the publique justice of the Kingdome, and of this Honourable House, the supremest judicatory of this Kingdome: These Acts of Parliaments, the highest Records in this Kingdome should be framed, invented, forged and given in evidence, and published as true Acts of Parliament. And the hand of the Clerke of the Parliament a sworne Officer forged, counterfited & subscribed to the same, & if such bold and audacious acts should not be severely punished, no man can bee safe in his life, person, or estate, they said *John Browne* and *Sir Adam Littleton* desired that the persons aforesaid might forthwith answer the said Charges, and that their Lordships would inflict such exemplary punishment upon the offenders as may deterre the like attempts and leud practises in others, and give such setting reparations as their Lordships in their wisdom should thinke meete.

Whereupon the persons aforesaid, put in their answers to the premises and pleaded not guilty. And after the Case had beene divers days fully heard by counsell on both sides and witnesses produced at this Barre, and the whole

whole matter afterwards throughly weighed, debated, and fully confided of by the House. The Lords in Parliament assembled, being fully satisfied of the guilt of the said persons for the aforesaid high crimes charged against them: doe award and adjudge

1. That the said *John Morris* shall pay to our Sovereigne Lord the King the Summe of one thousand Pounds, *Isabel Smith* two hundred Pounds, *Leonard Derby* foure hundred Pounds, and *John Harris* foure hundred Pounds.

2. That the said Parties shall pay to *John Browne* Esquire Clerke of the Parliament for his Damages five hundred Pounds.

3. That all the said Parties shall before their enlargement out of Prison be bound to the good Behaviour during their lives, before some one of his Majesties Justices of his Bench at *Westminster*, with good Sureties,

4. That the said Copie of the pretended Act of Parliament falsely affirmed upon Oath to have been subscribed with the name of the said Clerke of the Parliament, intituled An Act to enable and make good a Conveyance and Assurance made of the Mannours of *Chepping onger, North Kenden, South Kenden*, and other Lands in the County of *Essex*, and *Bevis Markes*, al as *Buries Markes* in *London* by *James Morris* and *Gabriel Pointz* Esquire to *John Pointz* alias *Morris* and his heires, and to establish the said Mannours upon the said *John Pointz* alias *Morris* his heires, according to the said Conveyance, is hereby declared to be forged and counterfeit, and is by their Lordps adjudged & decreed to be for ever damned and cancelled, and never to be pleaded in any Court or Cause whatloever, nor to be admitted in Evidence, there being no Record of any such

such pretended Act of Parliament, to warrant the same.

5. That all the said severall persons hereby adjudged guilty of the said crimes, shall ever hereafter be made incapable to be witnesses in any cause whatsoever.

6. That *John Brown* Esquire, Clerk of the Parliament, is (in the judgement of this House) free and cleer of, and from all and every the aspersions, falsities, and charges of the said *John Morris*, *Isabel Smith*, *Leonard Derby*, and *John Harris* charged, uttered, divulged, and given out by them against him. Concerning the matters herein mentioned, and that this Judgement shall be openly read and published in the face of the County of *Essex*, at the next Assizes to be held for that County.

7. That the said parties shall bring, or cause to be brought into this House by the fifth day of *October* next one exemplification under the great Seale of *England* concerning the Mannor of *Little Manden*, in the County of *Hartford*, and the aforesaid Exemplification of the said counterfeit Act of Parliament, to which the great Seale of *England* is charged to have been unduly and fraudulently affixed, that so the aforesaid forged exemplification may be cancelled and vacated.

8. That they shall be imprisoned during the pleasure of this House.

Jo. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

FINIS.